

January 22, 1951.  
Schools, Libraries, State Educational Institutions.

**House File 139**  
By BOOTHBY.

Passed House, Date .....  
Vote: Ayes..... Nays.....  
Passed Senate, Date.....  
Vote: Ayes..... Nays.....  
Approved .....

**A BILL FOR**

An Act to amend section two hundred ninety-seven point three  
(297.3), Code 1950, relating to the acquisition of lands  
for school house sites.

*Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:*

1      Section 1. Section two hundred ninety-seven point three  
2      (297.3), Code 1950, is amended by adding thereto the  
3      following:  
4      “Any school corporation having acquired areas of ground  
5      for the purposes herein and by reason of barriers, convenience  
6      or expedience portions or parcels of such areas are not needed,  
7      the board of directors of such school corporation in its  
8      discretion may sell and convey any piece, portion or parcels  
9      of such area or areas upon which there are not buildings  
10     without submitting such proposal to the electors of the  
11     corporation, providing that such area or areas shall not have  
12     a valuation in excess of seven thousand five hundred dollars  
13     (\$7,500.00), such valuation to be determined by the county  
14     assessor of the county in which the land or lands are located.”

**EXPLANATION OF H. F. 139**

This act authorizes school corporations to sell school sites up to the value of \$7,500.00, without submitting the purchase to the electors of the corporation. Real estate values are fluctuating daily and schools need this power in order to be able to sell sites without delay where a sale might not otherwise be made.